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A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The experiments conducted at the Cotton Breading station show that the earlier sown crop produces more cotton and that at the same time more of the cotton bolls ripen beyond the stage when they are susceptible to attack before the insect pests became comparatively numerous, than in the case of the late sown crop. But the yield does not depend mainly on the actual time of sowing but also on the length of the interval between the date of sowing and the incidence and strength of the north-west monsoon rains. No definite results have been obtained and the experiments are being continued. They will be demonstrated to the ryots when definite results are available.

Fisheries

Training of S.S.L.C. candidates in the Fisheries Training Institute, Calicut.

*1482 Q.—Mr. A. B. Shetty : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of S.S.L.C. candidates who have been trained in the Fisheries Training Institute, Calicut, since the training classes were thrown open to S.S.L.C. candidates;

(*b*) whether there are any S.S.L.C. candidates undergoing training at present;

(*c*) whether the Government have abolished the Secondary Training classes in the Fisheries Training Institute, Calicut; and

(*d*) if the answer to (*c*) is in the affirmative, whether the Government have considered the future of the S.S.L.C. candidates already admitted for training?

A.—(*a*) 9.
(*b*) Yes.
(*c*) Yes.
(*d*) The S.S.L.C. holders are now placed in the classes intended for Higher Elementary students.

Mr. A. B. Shetty :—" May I know why the secondary training classes have been abolished? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—" Because there is at present no necessity for training men in the secondary grade ".

Public Works

Alleged insanitary condition of the river Cooum.

*1483 Q.—Mr. C. S. Govindaraja Mudaliyar : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware that the condition of the river Cooum in the vicinity of the Law's Bridge and Harris Bridge is very filthy and insanitary;

(*b*) whether the Government have ascertained that it is due to the stoppage of pumping sea water into it;

(*c*) when the pumping of sea water into it was stopped and why;

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(*d*) whether orders were issued to the Madras Corporation to keep a special watch over the sanitary condition of the Cooum river margins especially in the vicinity where cheri slums are located ;

(*e*) if so, when ; and

(*f*) if not, why not ?

A.—(*a*) The banks of the river Cooum in the vicinity of Law's Bridge and Harris Bridge are open to the committing of nuisances by the residents of the locality.

(*b*) The pumping of sea water does not affect this condition.

(*c*) The pumping of sea water into the Cooum was stopped on 15th July last because the water in the river had then reached the level necessary to prevent the emission of a bad smell from the shallow water and mud.

(*d*), (*e*) & (*f*) The Corporation of Madras who were consulted on the point lately in another connexion, have reported that the insanitary condition of the river banks is due to the public in general and the residents of the adjoining cheries in particular, committing nuisance there and that the matter has been taken up by the Commissioner of Police.

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Civil Justice

Alleged grievances of copyists in the Judicial Department, Tanjore.

1484 *Q.*—Swami A. S. Sahajanandam : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether during his recent visit to Tanjore, the copyists of the Judicial Department waited in a deputation on him, and asked for a redress of their grievances ;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the hon. Member promised to consider their case ; and

(*c*) what action the Government have since taken, or propose to take, by way of redressing their grievances as regards increased pay and pensionable service ?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) Yes.

(*c*) It is not proposed to take any action.

Revenue Establishments

Appointment of Edigas in the Revenue Department.

1485 *Q.*—Mr. J. Bheemayya : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of permanent deputy collectors, tahsildars, stationary magistrates, head accountants and revenue inspectors in the East Godavari, West Godavari, Kistna and Ceded districts ;

(*b*) whether any Ediga has been appointed ; and

(*c*) if not, the reasons therefor ?